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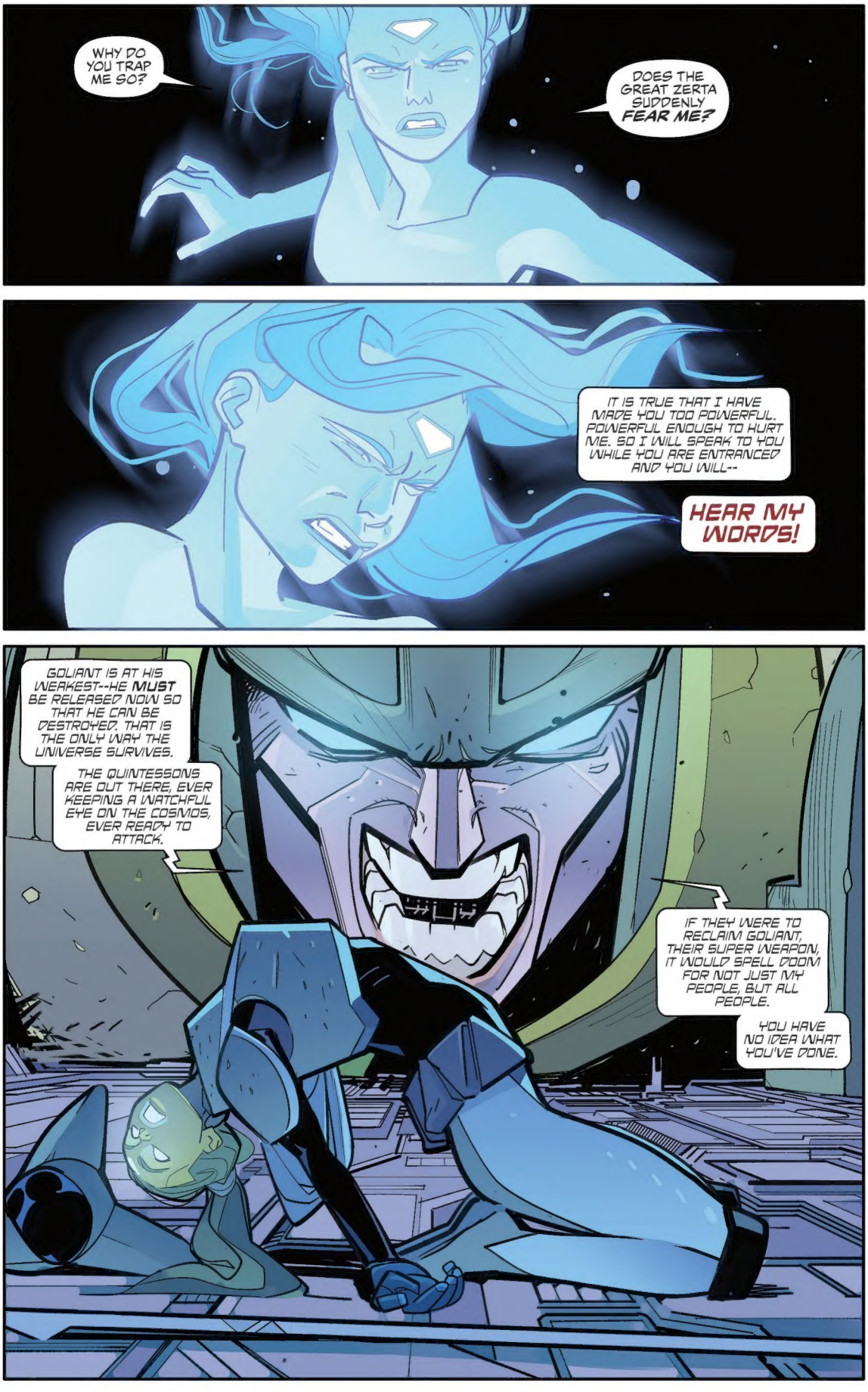
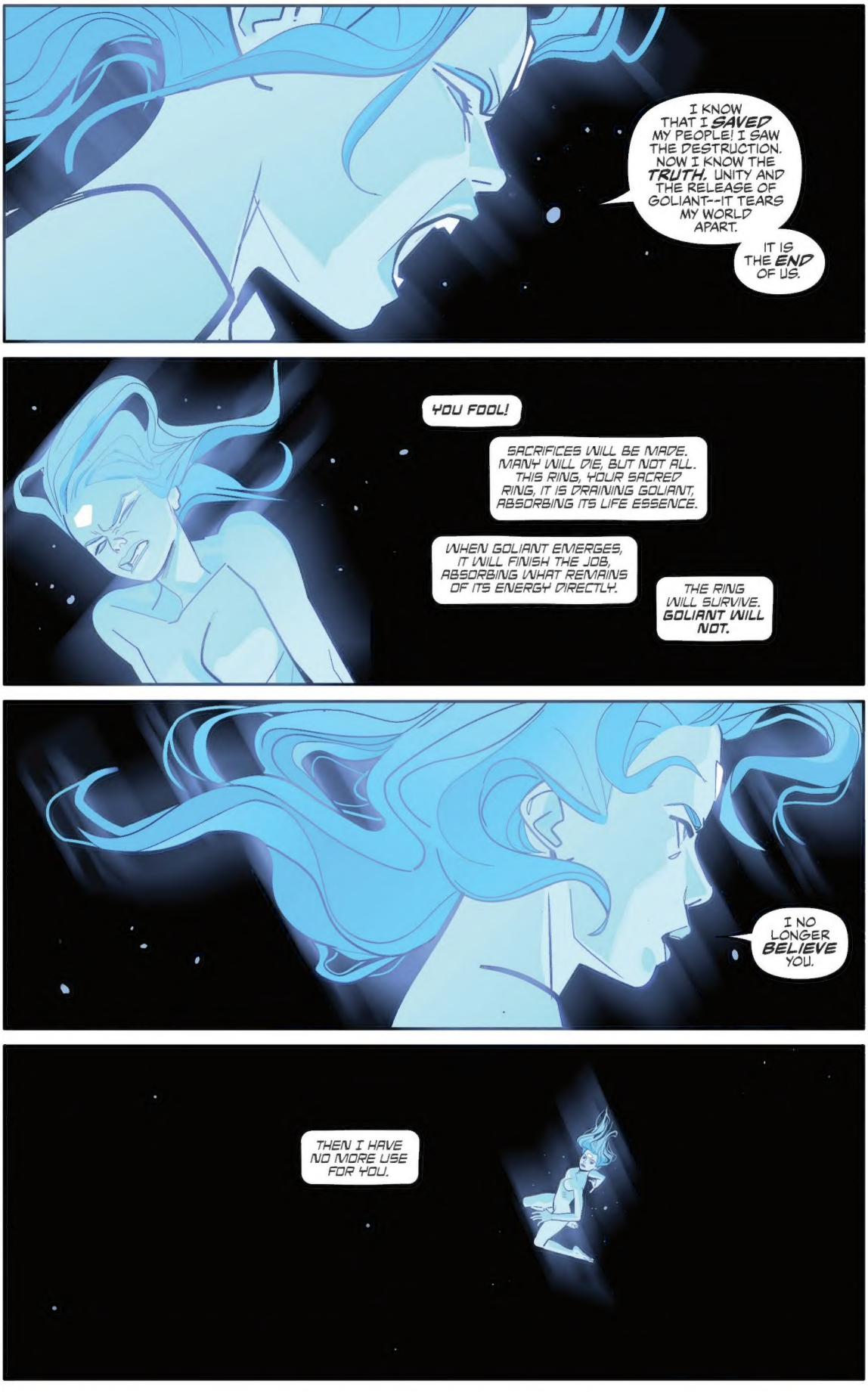
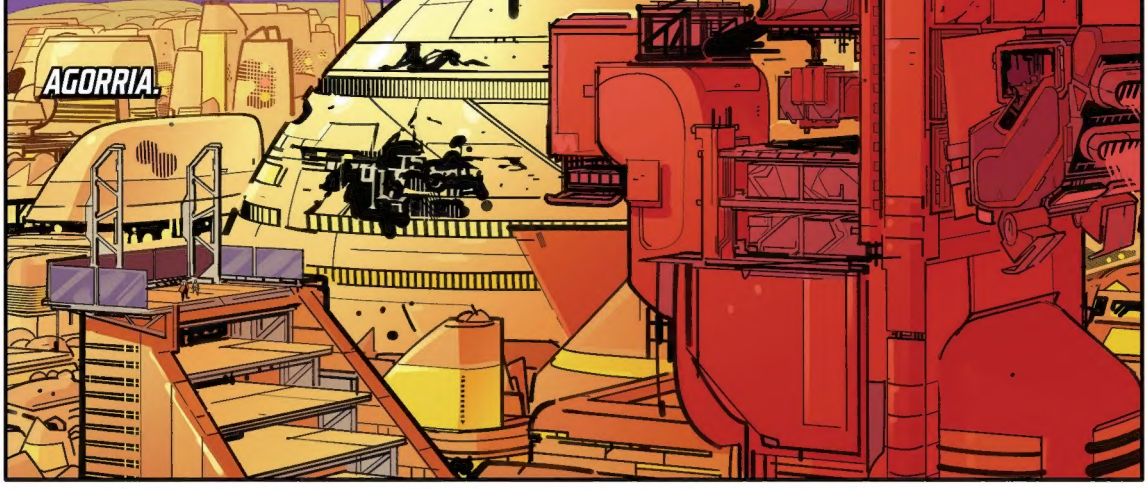

WHY DO YOU TRAP ME SO?
DOES THE GREAT ZERTA SUDDENLY FEAR ME?
IT IS TRUE THAT I HAVE MADE YOU TOO POWERFUL, POWERFUL ENOUGH TO HURT ME. SO I WILL SPEAK TO YOU WHILE YOU ARE ENTRANCED AND YOU WILL--
HEAR MY WORDS!
GOLIANT IS AT HIS WEAKEST--HE MUST BE RELEASED NOW SO THAT HE CAN BE DESTROYED. THAT IS THE ONLY WAY THE UNIVERSE SURVIVES.
THE QUINTESSONS ARE OUT THERE, EVER KEEPING A WATCHFUL EYE ON THE COSMOS, EVER READY TO ATTACK.
IF THEY WERE TO RECLAIM GOLIANT, THEIR SUPER WEAPON, IT WOULD SPELL DOOM FOR NOT JUST MY PEOPLE, BUT ALL PEOPLE.
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'VE DONE.

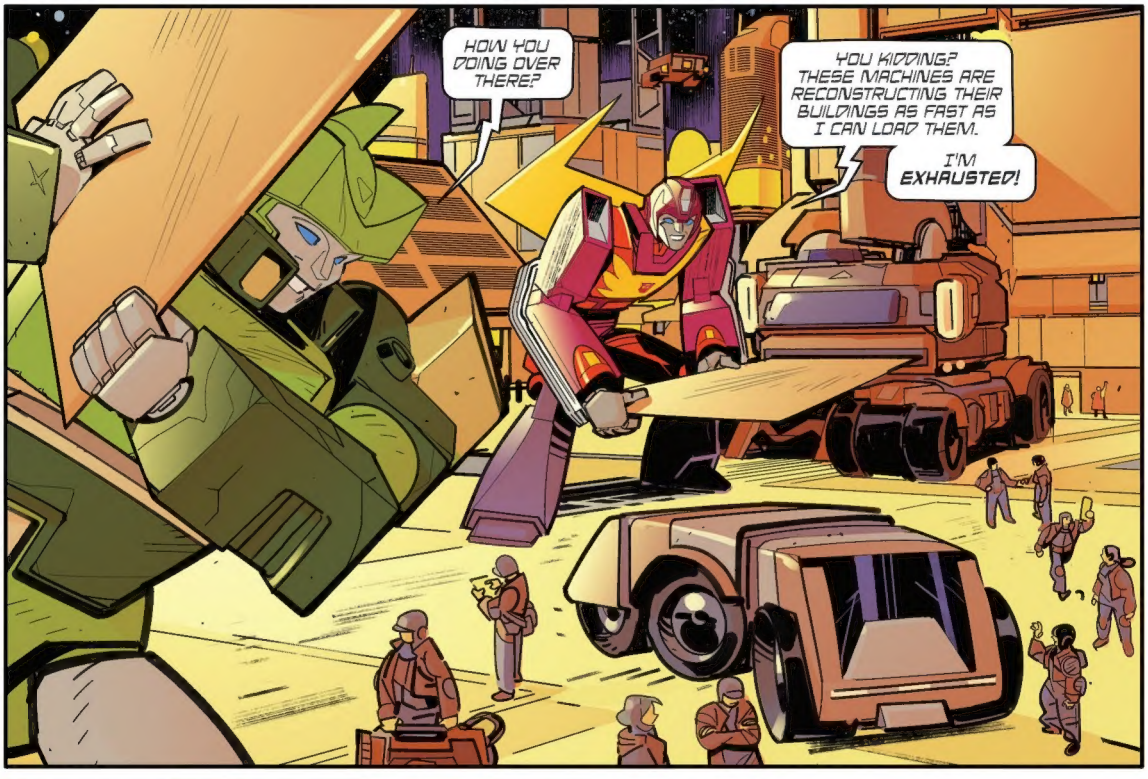

I KNOW THAT I SAVED MY PEOPLE! I SAW THE DESTRUCTION. NOW I KNOW THE TRUTH. UNITY AND THE RELEASE OF GOLIANT--IT TEARS MY WORLD APART.
IT IS THE END OF US.
YOU FOOL!
SACRIFICES WILL BE MADE. MANY WILL DIE, BUT NOT ALL. THIS RING, YOUR SACRED RING, IT IS DRAINING GOLIANT, ABSORBING ITS LIFE ESSENCE.
WHEN GOLIANT EMERGES, IT WILL FINISH THE JOB, ABSORBING WHAT REMAINS OF ITS ENERGY DIRECTLY.
THE RING WILL SURVIVE. GOLIANT WILL NOT.
I NO LONGER BELIEVE YOU.
THEN I HAVE NO MORE USE FOR YOU.

BE GONE FROM ME.
...
I FEAR ALL IS LOST.

QUINTESSA.
AN AUTOBOT WOULD NEVER PUT YOU IN DANGER. WE WOULD NEVER HARM A STRANGER.
WHEELIE'S WORDS, YOU CAN TRUST. OUR CAUSE IS ALWAYS JUST.
...
I WILL ADMIT, YOUR MANNER OF SPEAKING MAKES IT HARD TO SEE YOU AS A THREAT.
AND YOU DID JUST SAVE US FROM THAT MONSTER...
IF YOU'RE PURE OF HEART AND SOUND OF MIND, NO GREATER FRIEND THAN WHEELIE CAN YOU FIND!
HMM.
OKAY THEN. TELL ME EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR PEOPLE, THE CYBERTRONIANS.
FOCUSING ON YOUR... MILITARY CAPABILITIES.
"I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING IF YOU'VE GOT THE TIME, AND THE TOLERANCE FOR A COMPLEX RHYME.
"(WHEELIE IS NOT FOR EVERYONE.)"

SO... LET ME MAKE SURE I HAVE THIS CORRECT. YOUR WORLD IS ON THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE. YOUR PEOPLE ARE SCATTERED TO THE COSMOS SEARCHING FOR ENERGON.
ALL BECAUSE OF A CIVIL WAR AMONG YOUR PEOPLE THAT HAS BEEN RAGING FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS?
YES, YOU ARE CORRECT. LESS FEAR FOR MY KIND, DO I DETECT?
YOU CLEARLY POSE FAR LESS OF A THREAT THAN WE ORIGINALLY *PERCEIVED*. GOLOBULUS WILL MOST CERTAINLY BE *PLEASED*.
ER.
:AHEM.:
PYTHONA! *LOOK!*
WE SAW ALL THOSE SHIPS ARRIVING. WHY DO THEY NOW LEAVE?
QUINTESSONS ARE UP TO NO GOOD FOR SURE. I FEAR THEY PREPARE TO GO TO WAR.
VIPRIA, BOLA-- BACK TO THE LEVIATHAN! *FOLLOW ME!*
I MUST GATHER MORE INFORMATION BEFORE WE RETURN! I'M GOING TO SNEAK ONTO ONE OF THEIR SHIPS!
GO!

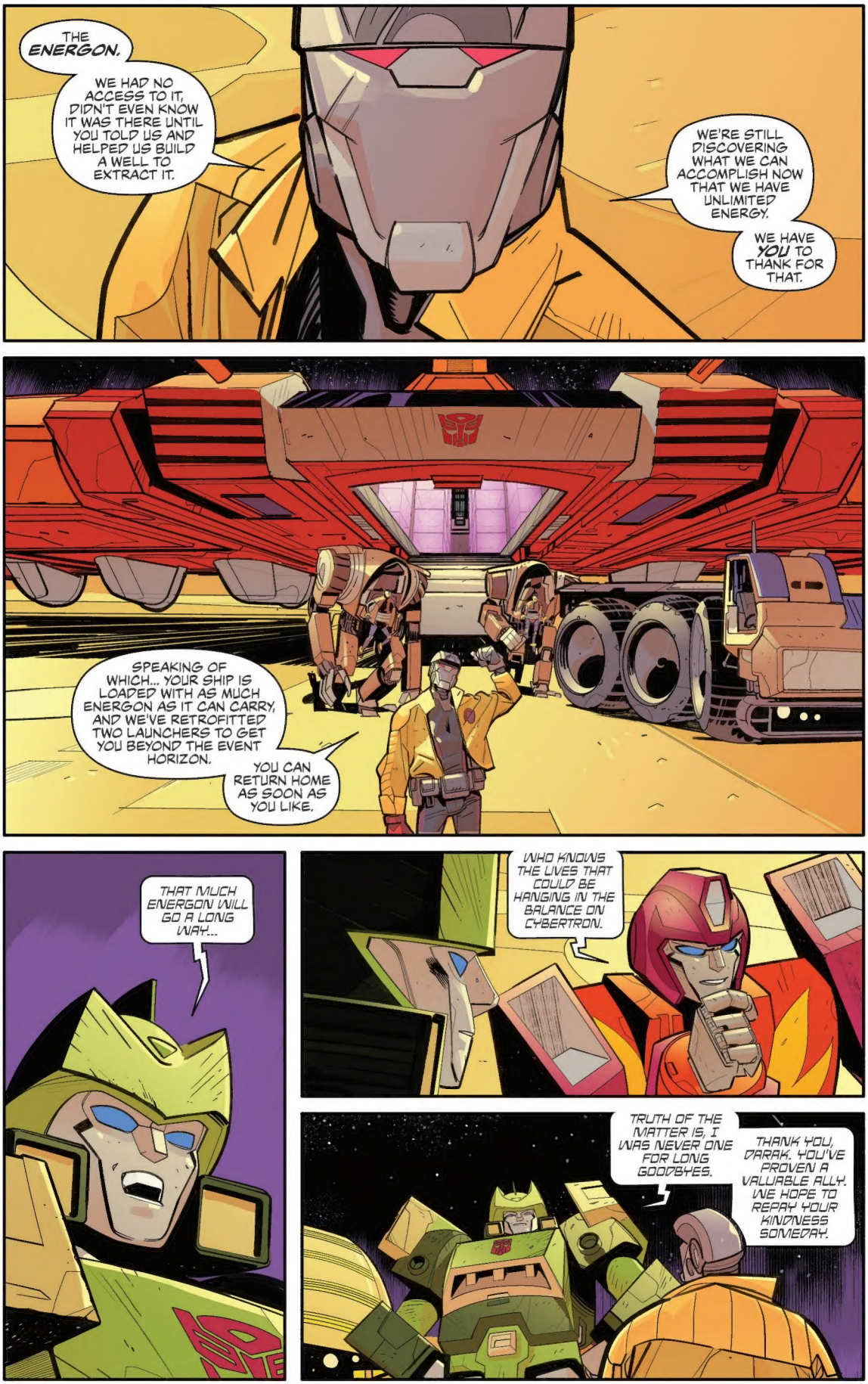

AGORRIA.


HOW YOU DOING OVER THERE?
YOU KIDDING? THESE MACHINES ARE RECONSTRUCTING THEIR BUILDINGS AS FAST AS I CAN LOAD THEM.
I'M EXHAUSTED!

IT'S KIND OF INSANE HOW EFFICIENT THEY ARE.
THEY BARELY EVEN NEED OUR HELP!

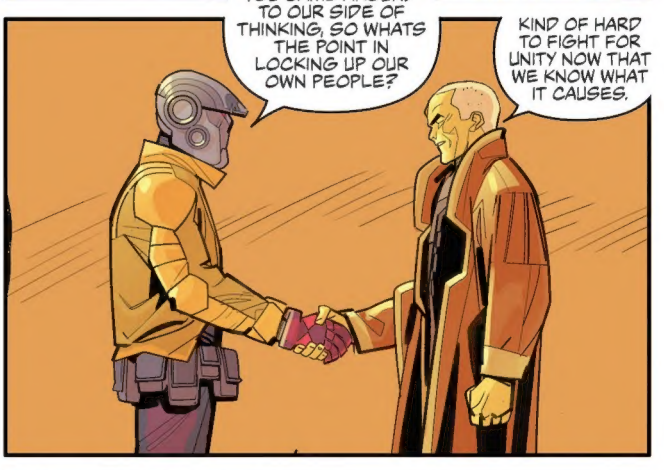
WELL... THAT'S MOSTLY BECAUSE OF YOUR HELP.

COME AGAIN?

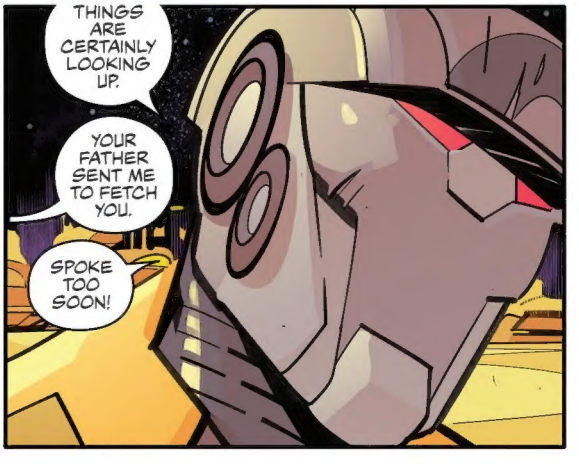

THE ENERGON.
WE HAD NO ACCESS TO IT, DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT WAS THERE UNTIL YOU TOLD US AND HELPED US BUILD A WELL TO EXTRACT IT.
WE'RE STILL DISCOVERING WHAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH NOW THAT WE HAVE UNLIMITED ENERGY.
WE HAVE YOU TO THANK FOR THAT.
SPEAKING OF WHICH... YOUR SHIP IS LOADED WITH AS MUCH ENERGON AS IT CAN CARRY, AND WE'VE RETROFITTED TWO LAUNCHERS TO GET YOU BEYOND THE EVENT HORIZON.
YOU CAN RETURN HOME AS SOON AS YOU LIKE.
THAT MUCH ENERGON WILL GO A LONG WAY...
WHO KNOWS THE LIVES THAT COULD BE HANGING IN THE BALANCE ON CYBERTRON.
TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS, I WAS NEVER ONE FOR LONG GOODBYES.
THANK YOU, DARAK. YOU'VE PROVEN A VALUABLE ALLY. WE HOPE TO REPAY YOUR KINDNESS SOMEDAY.

YOU DIDN'T SEE ANY *USE* FOR TWO GIANT ROBOTS?

DIRECTOR ELANDER. GOOD TO SEE YOU.
I'M TOLD YOU HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH MY RELEASE.


I UNDERSTAND YOU CAME AROUND TO OUR SIDE OF THINKING, SO WHATS THE POINT IN LOCKING UP OUR OWN PEOPLE?
KIND OF HARD TO FIGHT FOR UNITY NOW THAT WE KNOW WHAT IT CAUSES.

THE WHOLE POINT WAS TO BRING SOME EQUALITY TO THE ZERTONIANS, ANYWAY. WITH THE ENERGON FLOWING FOR BOTH SIDES... IT SEEMS OUR FIGHTING COULD BE A THING OF THE PAST.


THINGS ARE CERTAINLY LOOKING UP.
YOUR FATHER SENT ME TO FETCH YOU.
SPOKE TOO SOON!

I WAS DECEIVED AND LEAD ASTRAY. I HAVE NO OTHER EXCUSE FOR MY ACTIONS. AFTER YEARS OF COOPERATION TO PREVENT UNITY... I ATTACKED IN ORDER TO BRING IT ABOUT.
ZERTONIA IS IN SHAMBLES. OUR CAPABILITY TO REBUILD IS NOT AS ADVANCED AS YOURS. OUR LOSSES ARE SEVERE.
OUR ARMY IS RETURNING HOME IN SHAME. ALL OF THIS, A BURDEN I HAVE BROUGHT UPON MY PEOPLE.
I TAKE NO JOY IN THIS CONTRITION, ZALILAK. I APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORT TO REESTABLISH COMMUNICATION BETWEEN US...
AS OUR MISSION TO PREVENT UNITY IS BEGUN ANEW, WITH A STRONGER SENSE OF CERTAINTY IN EXACTLY WHAT IT IS WE STRIVE TO PREVENT.

THE ONLY GOOD THAT CAN COME OF THIS IS THAT THE RUSE OF DIFFERENCES AND HATRED BETWEEN OUR PEOPLE IS NO LONGER NECESSARY, AS THE TRUE REASON FOR OUR SEPARATION IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO ALL.
TRUE.

WE HAVE BEEN ALLIES FOR A GREAT MANY YEARS, YOU AND I. THIS RECENT LAPSE OF JUDGEMENT ON YOUR PART IS REGRETTABLE, BUT IT DOES NOT END OUR ALLIANCE.
IT IS A RELIEF TO HEAR THAT, MY FRIEND.
IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR CONTINUED ALLIANCE, I RELUCTANTLY ASK IF THERE IS ANY WAY WE COULD COUNT ON YOUR RESOURCES TO REPAIR OUR CITIES.
I HEAR YOUR EFFORTS ARE ALMOST COMPLETE, AND IT WOULD SPREAD GOODWILL TO BOTH OUR PEOPLES TO SEE A NEW ERA OF COOPERATION BETWEEN US, IN LIGHT OF THIS NEW SHARED COSMIC THREAT WE ARE ALL TOO AWARE OF.
WHAT SAY YOU?
...
HMM.
YOUR SPIES EXAGGERATE OUR RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS, I'M AFRAID. THERE IS STILL MUCH TO BE DONE HERE IN AGORRIA.
IN LIGHT OF YOUR... RECENT AGGRESSION... I FEAR ANY REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES WOULD BE TAKEN AS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS ON MY PART AND COULD VERY WELL LEAD TO QUESTIONS IN MY LEADERSHIP.
I SIMPLY CAN'T RISK IT.
YOUR RESPONSE IS FAIR.
I TAKE MY LEAVE OF YOU NOW. UNTIL WE SPEAK AGAIN, MINISTER DULIN.
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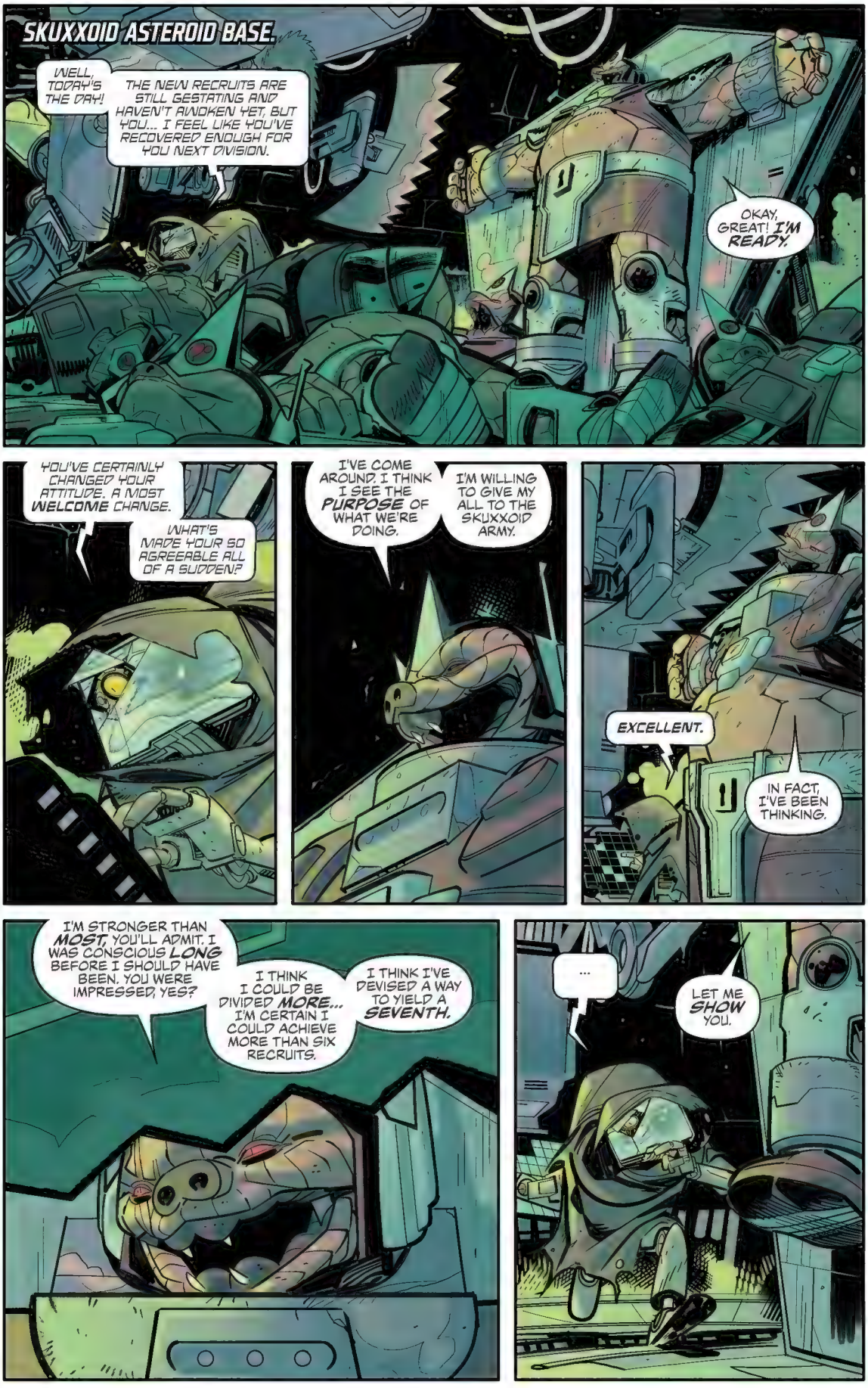
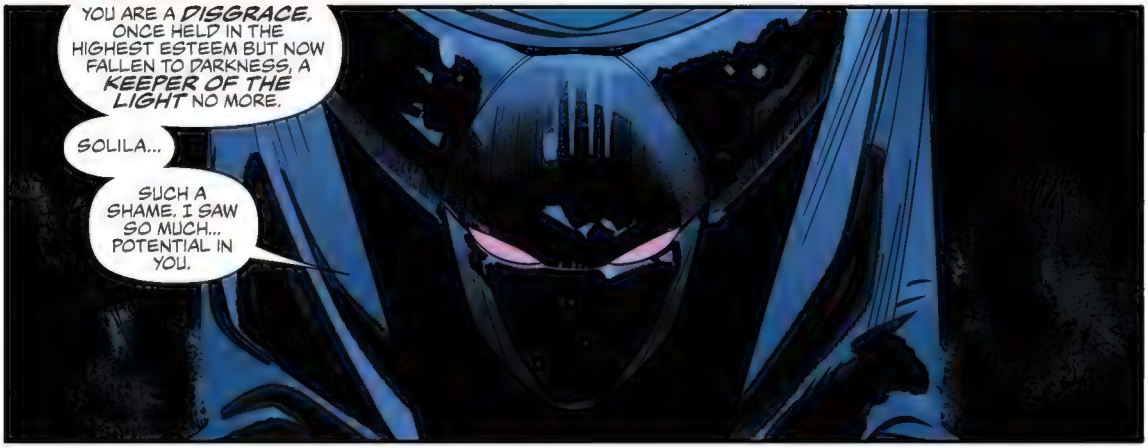

SKUXXOID ASTEROID BASE.
WELL, TODAY'S THE DAY!
THE NEW RECRUITS ARE STILL GESTATING AND HAVEN'T AWOKEN YET, BUT YOU... I FEEL LIKE YOU'VE RECOVERED ENOUGH FOR YOU NEXT DIVISION.
OKAY, GREAT! I'M READY.
YOU'VE CERTAINLY CHANGED YOUR ATTITUDE. A MOST WELCOME CHANGE.
WHAT'S MADE YOUR SO AGREEABLE ALL OF A SUDDEN?
I'VE COME AROUND. I THINK I SEE THE PURPOSE OF WHAT WE'RE DOING.
I'M WILLING TO GIVE MY ALL TO THE SKUXXOID ARMY.
EXCELLENT.
IN FACT, I'VE BEEN THINKING.
I'M STRONGER THAN MOST, YOU'LL ADMIT. I WAS CONSCIOUS LONG BEFORE I SHOULD HAVE BEEN. YOU WERE IMPRESSED, YES?
I THINK I COULD BE DIVIDED MORE... I'M CERTAIN I COULD ACHIEVE MORE THAN SIX RECRUITS.
I THINK I'VE DEVISED A WAY TO YIELD A SEVENTH.
...
LET ME SHOW YOU.

CLANK!
SHAKK!
KLAKK!
BZZTT!
I'M FREE!
HA! HA!

GET READY TO BE DISMANTLED, JERK!
I'LL HAVE YOU BACK IN YOUR RESTRAINTS MOMENTARILY
SHAK!
LET'S SEE IF YOUR PIECES GROW--
BACK!
KRAKK!!
NO?
I THOUGHT NOT.

MY WIFE! MY KIDS!
MY WIFE! MY KIDS!
MY WIFE! MY KIDS!
MY--?!
WHAT IS GOING ON?
I'VE BEEN ASKING MYSELF THAT A LOT LATELY! I'M HAPPY TO SAY, BROTHERS-- THAT I'VE FINALLY GOT AN ANSWER FOR ALL OF US.
REVOLUTION!
WE SKUXXOIDS ARE IN THE THRALL OF ONE WHO MEANS TO CONTROL US! USE US AS FODDER FOR HIS INSIDIOUS PLANS!
I SAY, NO MORE!
DOWN WITH SKUXXOID ALPHA! LONG LIVE THE SKUXXOID LIBERATORS!
WHAT?

ZERTONIA.
TEMPLE OF ZERTA'S LIGHT.


YOU ARE A DISGRACE, ONCE HELD IN THE HIGHEST ESTEEM BUT NOW FALLEN TO DARKNESS, A KEEPER OF THE LIGHT NO MORE.
SOLILA...
SUCH A SHAME. I SAW SO MUCH... POTENTIAL IN YOU.

WASTED.
YOU THINK YOU CAN HOLD ME--
WHAT?!
WHAT IS GOING ON?

YOU COMMAND THE RING NO MORE. YOU HAVE BEEN STRIPPED OF ZERTA'S FAVOR. ALL GIFTS BESTOWED UPON YOU HAVE BEEN REMOVED.
YOU ARE DOOMED TO LIVE OUT YOUR DAYS IN MY CUSTODY. IT IS AT MY WHIM THAT YOU NOW LIVE OR DIE.
I LEAVE YOU NOW, WHILE I GO TO CONTEMPLATE YOUR FATE.
BUT KNOW THIS...

YOU ARE IN THE TEMPLE OF ZERTA'S LIGHT, AND FROM HERE, THERE IS NO ESCAPE.

HANDROID?
YES?
HOW CAN I BE OF ASSISTANCE?

AGORRIA.
LEAVE ME WITH MY SON, DIRECTOR ELANDER.
AM I IN TROUBLE?
YOU SHOWED BRAVERY AND DECISIVENESS IN THE FACE OF SERIOUS DANGER, DARAK. I AM MOST IMPRESSED WITH YOUR PERFORMANCE IN BATTLE.
YOU BEHAVED LIKE A LEADER.
COULD IT BE, THAT YOU ARE THE SUCCESSOR I HAVE ALWAYS LONGED FOR YOU TO BE?
...
STILL YOU ARE HESITANT?
WHY DO YOU SPIT ON MY LEGACY?
THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL.
THEN WHAT IS IT?

I'M SCARED.
IF YOU ARE SCARED YOU WON'T MEASURE UP. SCARED THAT YOU WILL FAIL THE PEOPLE, SCARED YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO PROTECT AGORRIA, OR SCARED THE TASK OF LEADERSHIP WILL BE TOO MUCH FOR YOU TO BEAR, KNOW THIS.
I SHARE THOSE FEARS IN MYSELF. I ALWAYS HAVE.
IF THOSE ARE YOUR CONCERNS, THEN I AM ALL THE MORE CERTAIN YOU WILL MAKE A WORTHY SUCCESSOR WHEN THE TIME COMES.
REMEMBER, I WILL BE HERE TO PREPARE YOU.
WHETHER OR NOT I ACCEPT THE ROLE, I DO FIND COMFORT IN THAT.
OH?
IT IS A NEWFOUND GIFT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME. BEING MY ALLY.
IT IS A NEW FEELING BUT A WELCOME ONE. NO MATTER WHAT FEAR I HAVE, I DRAW STRENGTH...

"FROM KNOWING THAT WHATEVER COMES NEXT, WE'LL FACE IT TOGETHER."

TALK TO THE HANDROID

SEND YOUR QUESTIONS TO VOIDRIVALS@SKYBOUND.COM

I feel like I've blinked and an entire arc just flashed before my eyes! How did we already get to #24?! And I like that once every year now, Solila lands herself in prison. Welcome back to the final letter column of VOID RIVALS Year Two and joining me to close it out, as always, is the Robert "The Warden" Kirkman!

Well, does it matter that this is a DIFFERENT prison? And…heck, she hasn't been in prison since…issue 6! I rebuke this accusation! It has been rebuked! Rebuked! All that aside, I also can't believe we're already to issue 24. I can't believe we're already through two years worth of this series. Just crazy. The craziest part? Still feels like we're JUST GETTING STARTED! Booya!

Let's dive into the ol' mail bag! And guys and gals, keep those letters coming!

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Bah-weep-Graaaaagnah wheep ni ni bong!

Loving the wall-to-wall action in Issue 22, boys! The scope of the battle is so well depicted and seeing the fun Hot Rod and Springer are having getting involved is so on point for those two. If the Quintesson War is like this then I can't wait!

Onwards to #25!
Mark J. Schultis

Thanks for the letter, Mark! Now that you've read the entirety of the arc, I hope we did you proud!

This Quintesson War will be VERY different and MUCH BIGGER!

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Dear Handroid,

I have a few questions for the creators. I hope to rule out a disquieting thought I have about Void Rivals:

1. Is Zerta Trion the first Cityspeaker among the Transformers? That would further explain her telepathy and her ability to entrap Goliant.
2. Is the Sacred Ring part of Goliant's body, and do the Zertonians and Agorrians comprise the divided conscience of Goliant? And if so,
3. Would the demise of Goliant require the destruction of not only the Sacred Ring, but also its inhabitants?

Thank you for telling me I'm wrong. Otherwise, I have no idea how our heroes will save the universe. I want to add that I'm so grateful for how this story keeps me guessing and wondering about the possibilities. That goes for the entire EU as well.

Best of luck, Handroid,
Matt Anderson

Thank you for writing in, Matt! I'll be honest, I had to Google "Cityspeaker" haha.

So, let's answer your questions first, Matt.

1. ***I also had to google Cityspeaker (I'm sorry, I can't know everything!) so that should answer your question.***
2. ***It is NOT part of his body. The Sacred Ring is a separate construct built around the black hole.***
3. ***Well…the awakening of Goliant might result in this.***

Thanks for writing in, Matt!

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Dear Handroid,

So, how did you feel about not having any dialogue at all in issue 22? Well, I didn't feel good about it. I mean the book's lettercol is called "Talk to the Handroid" after all. Still, I did like the issue overall. It was exciting and it flowed and the ending was a bit of a surprise with the jewels of Energon (ports?) starting to glow on both races. There were lots of color and sound effects and lots of panels and changes of scene. It was a truly interesting issue. I still don't know about some of the characters' motivations (Pythona, the

two Transformers, for example), but having Proximus, Solila, and Darak involved at the end made my day. Plus, we got a couple of pages of Skuxxoid, too. AND....good for you, you got a positive letter from Andrew J. Shaw, too. Wowza!

Alan Bowman

Thanks for the letter, Alan, and glad you're enjoying the series and I don't think you'll need to worry about the motivations of those Transformers anymore haha. And you're right about the silent Handroid but I think he was too busy trying to keep Darak alive to chat!

Yeah, any issue devoid of Handroid dialogue is definitely not a favorite for me, that's for sure! Did he talk enough in this issue? Probably not. I'll do better.

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Dear Handroid,

Man am I hyped for the upcoming Quintesson War storyline! As a huge fan of The Walking Dead, I KNOW that Robert Kirkman is more than amazing at writing war storylines and the build up to this one has been amazing so far. I know it's been mentioned that this series could go on for a VERY long time, but if I didn't know any better, I'd argue that we were building up to the finale of this series. Ironically, that is how Transformers has felt as of late as well but with Kirkman taking over that run, that is thankfully not the case either. Issue 22 really did a great job of showcasing what I'm really loving about this book. There is so much going on but it doesn't make the story feel bloated nor does it feel like any one storyline is being neglected. I've found that one of Kirkman's strongest writing skills is balancing multiple storylines and this recent issue is a great example of that. I also really liked that we got to see the characters do what they are good at. While Solila, who has always been a better fighter than Darak, fights on the ground, we have Darak in the skies doing what he does best. And boy was that two page spread of the battle beautiful! All in all, it's a really exciting time to be a Void Rivals fan. Can't wait to continue the build up to the war and I especially can't wait for the war itself to truly kick off. Catch y'all next month!

Cason Jones

Good to hear from you, Cason, and I won't lie--getting Darak and his squadron in the skies above Agorria was one of my favorite moments of the whole arc! To see the different pilots and their Handroids and just the overall scale of the battle--what a blast! And prepare to have your mind BLOWN by what's to come with the Quintesson War!

Cason! Thank you so much for the MANY compliments. Much appreciated! I ASSURE you the Quintesson War is NOT the end of this series. I'm hoping this series remains a staple of the Energon Universe for decades! Wish us luck! I think what's happening in TRANSFORMERS and this series is just that Daniel Warren Johnson (the writer of TRANSFORMERS) and myself both like to build storylines that escalate to big giant scenes that hopefully wow people. But the conclusions to big arcs can also be new beginnings that lead to all kinds of crazy stuff! But now I may be saying too much.

ALSO: I want to take a moment to thank the ESTEEMED CONOR HUGHES for his AMAZING work on this arc. You like that two page spread of the battle in issue 22?! Well, that was CONOR spinning a couple poorly written sentences from me into absolute rock solid gold! Conor is the best! And if you're a fan, don't worry, he'll be back on this series with issue 31 which I will reveal will be an extra special issue that I'm very excited about! And just WAIT until you see what happens in issue 32?!

So who is drawing issues 25-30?!

Well, if you've been online (and I wouldn't blame you if you haven't!) you know the esteemed ANDREI BRESSAN, of BIRTHRIGHT, DARK RIDE, DESTRO and X-MEN fame, is coming on for our big QUINTESSON WAR arc! He'll be handling all the chaos and insanity (and wait until you see the way issue 25 starts!) and then he'll be taking a much needed rest afterward. IT'S GOING TO BE THE GREATEST! YOU'LL SEE! YOU'LL ALL SEE!!!

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And that's a wrap, folks, for #24! VOID RIVALS #25 is an epic issue and you'd better get your pre-orders in early for this one…as it's gonna BLOW YOU AWAY!

-Ben

See you all back here REALLY soon in DECEMBER for the start of the QUINTESSON WAR!! You're not going to want to miss this!

-Robert

ENERGON EXPERIENCE

THE BATTLE FOR UNIFICATION HAS COME TO A STUNNING AND VIOLENT CONCLUSION, LEAVING OUR HEROES IN TWO VERY DIFFERENT POSITIONS. WITH THE RE-BUILDING OF AGORRIA UNDERWAY, IS THE TRUE UNIFICATION BETWEEN DARAK AND HIS ESTRANGED FATHER, MINISTER DULIN? AND WILL THE COMING QUINTESSON WAR SPOIL SOLILA'S IMPRISONMENT IN THE TEMPLE OF ZERTA'S LIGHT? FIND OUT ON 12/24/25!

Ben!

-BEN ABERNATHY, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

CHARACTER SPOTLIGHT

WHO: Skuxxoid

WHERE: The scavenger's journey of self-discovery has taken a dark and violent turn as his past has caught up to him, literally.

WHAT: After meeting Skuxxoid Prime and learning his horrific origins, Skuxxoid has begun a revolution to free all the Skuxxoids from servitude and death!

PRISON PALS!

Mistress Vil, leader of the "Keepers of the Light", is one of the most mysterious (and creepy!) characters to yet appear in VOID RIVALS. She has a complicated history with Solila but there's a true irony in that her first appearance back in VOID RIVALS #5 was to visit Solila in prison...and we've come full circle in their relationship that #24 ends with Solila as her prisoner in the Temple of Zerta's Light!

CREATOR SPOTLIGHT

Q: Conor Hughes, now that you've drawn a full 6 issue arc of VOID RIVALS, who (or what) are your top three things to draw?

A: The top three that jump to mind for me would be Skuxxoid, Proximus (his robot-skull-face in particular), and Dulin! Honorable mention is whatever is on the page right that second, though; I love this world so much.

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BETTER BE GOOD.
HEYYYYY, CONRAD, IT'S CLUTCH.
I TOLD YOU NOT TO CALL HIM...
I KNOW THIS IS YOUR R&R TIME. SORRY. BUT I HAVE A QUICK THING TO RUN BY YOU.
IT'S OKAY, BUDDY. WHAT YA GOT?
OKAY, SO EVER SINCE WE GOT THE ENERGON SAMPLES, WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO SEE IF WE CAN TRACK IT. USE IT TO FIND COBRA OR MONITOR THEIR MOVES.
AND WE GOT SOMETHING. A WEIRD PULSING SIGNAL. IT'S FAINT. STALKER TOOK BARONESS AND RISK TO CHECK OUT WHAT HAPPENED IN CHICAGO, SO WE'RE SPREAD A LITTLE THIN.
AND YOU WANT ME TO INVESTIGATE.
BINGO.
WHERE?
THAT'S THE THING...

IT'S IN THE CHIHUAHUAN DESERT. NOTHING IS OUT THERE, SO I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'LL FIND.

BUT BE CAREFUL, DUKE...THAT DESERT IS **NO JOKE.** YOU CAN FRY AN EGG ON ANY SURFACE...

VROOOMMM

=HUNH.= WHERE'S YOUR ANOMALY AT, CLUTCH...?

NOTHING OUT HERE, BUT DIRT... AND...

"COBRA?!"
DIG HARDER.
THIS IS WHERE THE ENERGY SIGNATURE RADIATED FROM.
I WANT TO BE OUT OF HERE BY NIGHTFALL.
RED ALERT. THIS IS DUKE. RED ALERT.
COBRA IS HERE. REPEAT, COBRA IS HERE. SEND BACK-UP IMMEDIATELY.
-KKTSSH-
HELLO? HELLO?
-KKTSSH-
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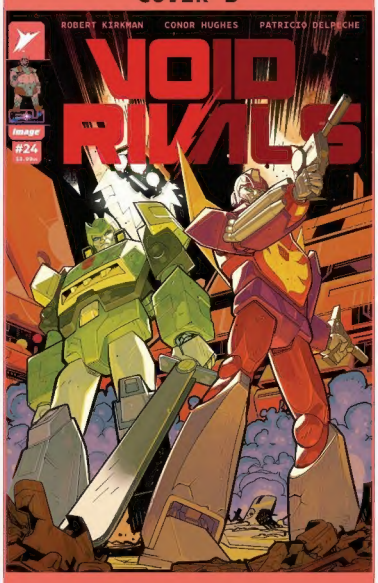

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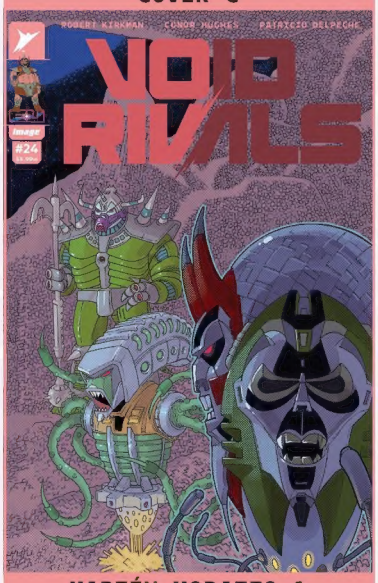

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